Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 94814

Dear Governor Davis,

I hope you will work for the CALFED water quality measure being discussed in Sacramento. We need ways to avoid the past mistakes of building new dams and canals before investing our energies in conserving and protecting our watersheds. The present degradation of our watersheds demonstrates the effects of our present course of action on fisheries and on communities.

Dams are an expensive, as well as unnecessary, investment much of the time. Water conservation can be shown to eliminate the need for many of them. Let's plan for a future without the need for expensive dam building.

As a 71 year old native of Los Angeles, I have helped pay for a lot of canals, dams, reservoirs, and other delivery systems for water. We never have enough. And we never will until we begin to play sensibly for conservation and protection of our water.

I believe that the CALFED\Bay/Delta plan is the beginning of such a program. Please endorse it.

Thank you,

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